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September 26, 2005

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Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 – State Commission Certification for High-Cost Universal  
Service Support (47 U.S.C. 254(e); 47 CFR 54.314)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, adopted on May 10, 2001, and released on May 23, 2001, FCC 01-157, this letter is written to certify that the following rural local exchange carrier and commercial mobile radio service provider, both also classified as eligible telecommunications carriers, should continue to receive federal high-cost support funds in 2006 in accordance with the above referenced statute and federal rule:

Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. ("Sandwich Isles")  
(SAC: 623021)  
Pauahi Tower, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1001 Bishop Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

NPCR, Inc. ("Nextel Partners")  
(SAC: 629001)  
4500 Carillon Point  
Kirkland, WA 98033

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Sandwich Isles and Nextel Partners have separately certified to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") that they will use all federal service support funds that they receive for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 United States Code § 254(e), and that they will comply with the requirements to be eligible for federal universal service support. See enclosed Sandwich Isles' Certification Statement dated August 1, 2005 and Nextel Partners' Certification Statement dated August 8, 2005.

The Commission hereby certifies that the funds that Sandwich Isles and Nextel Partners receive for federal universal service support will only be used as intended under federal law. The Commission makes this certification with respect to Sandwich Isles based solely on the company's Certification Statement, its supplemental filing with the Commission dated September 12, 2005, and its representations contained therein. The Commission certifies Nextel Partners solely on the basis of that company's Certification Statement, its Report on Hawaii Build-out Plans filed with the Commission dated September 16, 2005, and its representations contained therein.

If this letter does not fully satisfy the requirements for state certification of carriers to receive federal universal service support for 2006, we hereby request a waiver of the October 1, 2005 deadline to correct any deficiencies.

Please contact Brooke K. Kane, Administrative Director, at (808) 586-2020 to address any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



Carlito P. Caliboso  
Chairman

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Enclosures

c: Division of Consumer Advocacy, DCCA (w/enc.)  
Albert Hee, Sandwich Isles (w/o enc.)  
Donald J. Manning, Esq., Nextel Partners (w/o enc.)

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**  
**SANDWICH ISLES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**PURSUANT TO FCC ORDER NO. 01-157**

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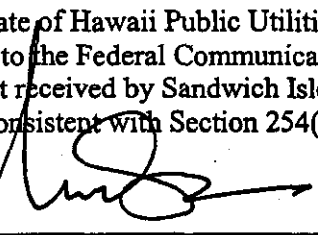
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Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that an eligible telecommunications carrier receiving federal universal service support "shall use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." In FCC Order No. 01-157 issued May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission concluded "that states should be required to file annual certification with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support 'only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended' consistent with Section 254(e)." Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, para. 187. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath as follows:

1. I am an officer of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc., which is an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
2. All federal universal service support funds received by Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 to be eligible for federal universal service support.
3. This Certification Statement is provided to the State of Hawaii Public Utilities Commission to enable the Commission to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that federal universal service support received by Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

August 1, 2005  
Date

  
Signature  
Albert Hee, President  
Print Name and Title

STATE OF Hawaii )  
CITY AND COUNTY OF Honolulu ) ss

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2005, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free will act and deed.

  
Notary Public, A. Tawarahara  
State of HAWAII

My commission expires 6/21/2006

CC DOCKET 96-45  
CERTIFICATION OF NPCR, INC. ("NEXTEL PARTNERS")  
STATE OF HAWAII  
(SAC 629001)

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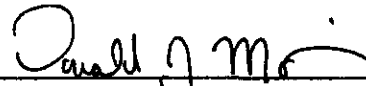
1. I am an officer of NPCR, Inc. ("Nextel Partners"), which is an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. All federal universal service support funds received by Nextel Partners during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. Nextel Partners will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006, to be eligible for federal universal service support.

3. This Certification Statement is provided to the State of Hawaii Public Utilities Commission to enable the Commission to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that federal universal service support received by Nextel Partners will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

Dated: August 8, 2005

NPCR, INC. ("Nextel Partners")

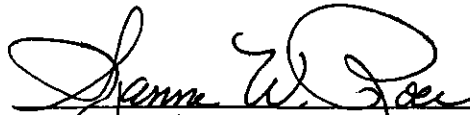


By: Donald J. Manning

Its: Vice President and General Counsel

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF KING )

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2005.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires 11/7/06

